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(57) Abstract: Antisense compounds, compositions and methods are provided for modulating the expression of Histone deacetylase 1. The compositions comprise antisense compounds, particularly antisense oligonucleotides, targeted to nucleic acids encoding Histone deacetylase 1. Methods of using these compounds for modulation of Histone deacetylase 1 expression and for treatment of diseases associated with expression of Histone deacetylase 1 are provided.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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West, Biosis, CA, Medline, SciSearch

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y — — A	US 5,763,182 A (NAKAMURA et al) 9 June 1998 (09.06.1998) Abstract, SEQ ID No. 2, Columns 4-6.	1, 2 ----- 3-20
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Groups 1-74 drawn to SEQ ID NOS. 11-58, 60-64, 66, and 68-87, respectively, of claim 3,

This international searching authority considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2, and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below:

According to the guidelines in Section (f)(i)(a) of Annex B of the PCT Administrative Instructions, the special technical feature as defined by PCT Rule 13.2 shall be considered to be met when all the alternatives of a Markush-group are of similar nature. For chemical alternatives, such as the claimed sequences, the Markush group shall be regarded as being of similar nature when

(A) all alternatives have a common property or activity and

(B)(1) a common structure is present, i.e., a significant structure is shared by all of the alternatives or

(B)(2) in cases where the common structure cannot be the unifying criteria, all alternatives belong to an art recognized class of compounds in the art to which the invention pertains.

The instant sequences are considered to be each separate inventions for the following reasons:

The sequences do not meet the criteria of (A), common property or activity. The sequences each behave in a different way in the context of the claimed invention, as evidenced by the differing levels of inhibition of each oligonucleotide listed in table 1. Each member of the class cannot be substituted, one for the other, with the expectation that the same intended result would be achieved. Further, the sequences do not meet the criteria of (B)(1), as they do not share, one with another, a common core structure.

Accordingly, unity of invention between the antisense sequences is lacking and each sequence claimed is considered to constitute a special technical feature. This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.